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The American farmer, who pays the bulk of the taxes, would enjoy a little reciprocity himself.

The mosquito who has held on so far and kept himself from being blown out to sea, deserves to live.

It will not be Tillman's fault if Prince Henry doesn't find out, sah, that we are a fighting people.

Perhaps after the legal relatives had got a fat plantation to milk the judge would resign and join the firm.

As we understand the matter, the financiers are all ready to lift their hats to the Humphreys' receiver, but they want to lend their money to somebody else.

It is good to see the Methodist church or any church out of debt. The command to owe no man anything applies as well to the collective as to the individual Christian.

The proceedings in the Senate when Tillman and McLaurin rose to a question of personal privilege, ought to get this country into an entente misrecording with the Austrian Reichsrath.

The suggestion that the Rev. Mr. Mackintosh be consecrated as the First Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Hawaii is pleasing to this community, which knows Mr. Mackintosh as a Christian gentleman, perfectly familiar with this field, respected by all classes and deserving of high church preferment.

The attempt of Judge Humphreys' sole remaining organ to convince the local financiers that they are in error in laying the Kona trouble to the unwarranted interference of the First Circuit Court, came to grief early. In a Bulletin interview, Mr. Damon said he was "not disposed to raise a storm about his ears by criticising Judge Humphreys' judicial acts," an explanation of the common view of the First Circuit Court which cannot give its branded incumbent much comfort. Mr. Jones is quoted as saying that Damon should have been appointed instead of Wundenberg, though he had nothing against the latter, and Cecil Brown said practically the same thing. The views of a dozen more financiers are left unnoticed, though probably none of them would have cared to risk the vengeance of a wholly unscrupulous court by telling its organ what they say among themselves.

## THE NAVAL CONTROVERSY.

The decision of the President in the Schley case will not change a vote. Even Grant did not affect the general repute of Fitz John Porter by his latter-day conversion. So far as Sampson and Schley and the battle of Santiago are concerned, the American people, sitting as a jury, have declared that the admiral who took part with the fleet in the Cuban naval battle is more entitled to credit for the result than the admiral who was not there. From that decision the President may dissent, but even he cannot appeal.

The plea that Sampson was in lawful command of the fleet cannot, perhaps, be disputed. But he was not in active command when the battle came off, and that is the point involved. His position was like Sheridan's when the battle of Cedar Creek occurred. Sheridan, at the time, being at Winchester, twenty miles away. When he left the field the active command naturally fell to the next in rank, General Wright, though the technical command remained with him. No one, however, held Sheridan responsible, when the Confederates stole a march on the sleeping Federals at Cedar Creek and drove them from their camp. The blame fell on Wright, and had the latter turned on the enemy and driven him back, surely the credit would not have gone to Sheridan; and the latter was too great a man to have claimed it. The laurels would have belonged to the commander in the field; not to the absentee.

The postulate in which some of Schley's enemies indulge that the battle of Santiago was fought by sea captains, is a dangerous one, and might be used to deprive Meade of the credit for Gettysburg. When the battle was on Meade could not do much but hurry up his reserves. Sickles acted independently in seizing the key of the battlefield; Hunt knew without asking what to do with his artillery at critical moments; Hancock, "the superb," was on hand to save a Federal line from being broken. But no one has had the temerity to say that Gettysburg was a battle of subordinate generals. It was Meade's battle and this, irrespective of the further fact that two superior officers had been for days in close contact with him—Abraham Lincoln, whom Sherman said was a greater commander than any of his generals, and who had put Meade in Pennsylvania to check the advance of Lee; and Edwin M. Stanton, the iron Secretary of War.

No one knows better than Sampson that his "command" at Santiago fell far short of what he wanted it to be. The bitterness of his disappointment comes of his not having been in Schley's place when Cervera's fleet began. What was Schley's place? It was that of the ranking officer in the fleet, the position of immediate authority, the active, belligerent com-

## FIRE PROOF HOTELS.

The man who will build an absolutely fire-proof hotel in the city of New York ought to make money from it. It should be a hotel of steel, stone, tiles, marble and brick, with asbestos carpets, light steel doors and window frames, easily adjusted iron shutters to keep the flames of any burning outside structure from intruding. Iron beds and steel stairways. There should be nothing inflammable in it that could be avoided with due regard to the comfort of guests, and whatever might be set on fire within the rooms should not endanger the building nor imperil the inmates.

It is plain from the holocaust in the Park Avenue Hotel that half-way or two-thirds measures to make a structure fire-proof, are not much of a safeguard. As hotels go, the Park Avenue was a model. Beside the Windsor, which burned not long ago with a terrible loss of life, and the Baldwin, of San Francisco, the Park Avenue was a temple of security. Yet when the test came it burned in its upper stories like a brush heap, and a score of lives were lost in the unspeakable tortures of death by fire.

The time is coming, we think, when State laws will prevent the building of any hotel above a certain height which is not fire-proof, by a definite standard. There have been so many holocausts that life insurance companies would almost be justified in classing the inhabitants of big hotels among their extra-hazardous risks. It is criminal to tempt people into sky-scrapers that may turn, at any time, into perpendicular furnaces; and as this fact is borne upon the public, by recurring catastrophes like that reported in the latest files, remedial legislation is sure to follow.

## E. C. MACFARLANE.

The death of Edward C. Macfarlane, though not unexpected since the news of his critical illness came in the last preceding steamer, was nevertheless a sorrowful shock to this community. There was something peculiarly lovable about "Ned" Macfarlane, a magnetism which drew people and bound them to him in ties which needed no mystic ceremony of fraternal brotherhood to render firm and lasting. His very nod and smile made the sunniest morning a bit more pleasant, and his ready play of wit and humor and his kindly sympathies, surrounded him with troops of friends who, in a little time, will throw as mourners to his bier.

It was a strange Providence which laid Ned Macfarlane low just as life had opened to him its most delightful vistas. With fortune secure, with name honored, with years of cultivated leisure or agreeable activity as he might choose apparently before him, he married for love and started with his young bride to see the European capitals. His journey had scarcely begun when he fell ill. All that science and tenderness could do were his; but neither, with all their arts, could baffle death. At the very threshold of his happiness there came the thick darkness into which his mortal body passed and beyond which his spirit walked alone.

The rest is memory. But it is the memory of one who loved his fellow man; and in the poem of Ben Adhem's dream, when the angel wrote down the name of those whom God best loved, that of him whose smile cheered, and whose voice encouraged and whose hand helped, "led all the rest."

The Chicago Chronicle prints a fine picture of Governor Dole and labels it "Col. Sam Parker, the New Governor of Hawaii." It also prints a dispatch quoting Parker to the effect that his policy as Governor would be to placate the natives. Incidental to the humor of the time is the San Francisco News-Letter's stern arraignment of George R. Carter, who was born here in the line of early missionary descent, as "a respectable carpetbagger, who has assiduously courted government favor as a means of getting along in the Islands."

Senator Hear and Representative Ray have introduced identical bills to redivide the district of Alaska into three recording and judicial divisions.

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SPIRIT OF THE  
NATIVE PRESS

The comment of the vernacular press on current politics is always interesting and often instructive. Under the caption of "The Truth," Ka Lahui Hawaii of recent date says:

The Aloha Aina (Home Rule) paper tells us: "It is useless for the Hawaiians to join the Republican party, for the reason they will never receive government positions, as the Republicans have promised them."

Perhaps the ignorant classes will believe the words of the Aloha Aina, which is very strongly in favor of the Democrats, but the educated people will not believe such a statement, for the reason that is plain to all men, that all Hawaiians cannot hold public office.

The Republicans have made speeches and said the Republican party is the right party, for the reason that it is the mainstay of all the large enterprises of Hawaii, such as sugar, rice and banana plantations, and all other agricultural industries.

It is a plain fact that cannot be denied that if these industries should be dropped, we of Hawaii would become nothing. The idea of the Democrats to dividing lands, etc., are ideas to extinguish all the great industries of Hawaii. At no time has the Republican party shown the Hawaiians that if they chose the Republican party that they would all receive government positions, for the reason that that is a thing quite impossible for them to grant.

But, as the Republicans have taken hold of all the great industries of the Islands, and they are backed, it is the right thing for all Hawaiians to help on that side, so that they will all have work, for the reason, if all the great industries cease to be, the Hawaiians, as well as the strangers in the land will be hungry.

It is a mistaken idea for any newspaper to tell the Hawaiians that the Democratic, or any other party than the Republican, is the successful party for Hawaiians. Hawaii's successful standing today has been gained through the help of the Republican party, and not through any other.

Well thinking people do not hesitate in stating that the policy of the Republican side is the only one which will lead to success, and because the American nation knows that its prosperity has come from that party.

Hereafter it would be a wise thing for the Hawaiian people to understand that our prosperity depends upon the Republican party.

Any one who believes entirely in the Home Rule Republicans or the Democrats in what they say, because what they say are falsehoods. It will be that if the Hawaiians are stubborn and view Republicanism as a thing far away they will never realize statehood.

Appropriations of \$30,000 are asked for the Mare Island hospital.

The Rock Island Railroad is likely to be extended to San Diego, Cal.

General Botha is reported to have offered to surrender to Lord Milner.

General Alban, civil and military chief of Panama, was killed in battle.

Pope Leo entered the twenty-fifth year of his pontificate on February 20.

The Philippine tariff bill was passed by the United States Senate by a strict party vote.

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